Mr. HALLET

STEVENAGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Stevenage.

Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Report for the year 1938.

Area 4,576 acres.
Rateable Value £35,567.
A penny rate produces £138. 3. 3
Population (Estimated) 5,637

Vital Statistics.

Birthrate for England and Wales	15.1
Death-rate " " " "	11.6

Local Birth-rate (66)	11.7
Local Death-rate (64)	11.4

Ages at Death.

Over 90 years.	3
Between 80 and 90.	16
" 70 " 80.	17
" 60 " 70.	12
" 50 " 60.	5
" 40 " 50.	1
" 30 " 40.	3
" 20 " 30.	1
" 10 " 20.	3
" 1 " 10.	1
Under one year	2

Chief Causes of Death.

Cancer	8
Heart	19
Cerebral Haemorrhage	13
Bronchitis	1
Scarlet Fever	0
Appendicitis	1
Tuberculosis	2
Pneumonia	4
Asthma	1

There were 3 Inquests held during the year (Two deaths of violence due to motor car injury, one of which took place in Hitchin Hospital.

There were no deaths due to infectious disease.

Infectious Diseases Notified.

Scarlet Fever	23
Diptheria	1
Enteric Fever	1
Erysipilas	4

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Water Supply during the year has been satisfactory. The supply coming from the Broomen Green Well.

Samples are taken frequently and are satisfactory.

Infant Welfare and Maternity Centre.

The work here continues to be conducted in a satisfactory manner.

House Refuse Collection.

This, as in previous years, is collected by covered cart once a week except in the case of a few out-lying houses.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

These have been regularly inspected during the year and are in a satisfactory condition.

One of them is showing signs of the presence of Bacillus Coli but samples are being taken frequently and we hope this will soon be improved.

Schools.

(1) County Council (for boys only).

These buildings are modern and in good condition.

(2) Girls and Infants.

This school is rather over-crowded but otherwise satisfactory.

I have during the year examined the children born in the years 1925 and 1928.

The children are healthy and there are no signs of under or improper feeding. Their clothing is good and the boots satisfactory.

During the examination I received help from Mr Davies in the boy's School and from Miss Apthorpe and the District Nurse in the Girls and Infants School.

Milk Supply.

This is increasing in the number of children taking milk.

Mid-day Meals.

There is a falling off in the number of girls taking these meals and it has sunk about fifteen. Some of them go home for their dinner. The boys are keeping up their number.

The Sanitary Inspector reports that the number of houses built during the year is:-

Council Houses	4
Private "	37

Believe me,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant.

A. A. GROSVENOR, M.A., M.D.